

Habitat Management (CSP Enhancements)

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Colorado Enhancement Activity Job Sheet H-9

Name:

Manage Shallow Open Water Habitat for Migrating Waterfowl Species

Payment = \$50.00 / acre / year for each acre where shallow open water habitat is maintained during both the spring and fall during waterfowl migration.

Shallow open water in wet meadows increases the likelihood of waterfowl using these meadows during migration. These open water areas will provide escape cover and food value for many waterfowl species.

This enhancement will be considered completed when one month of both spring and fall irrigation water is managed to create shallow open water habitat for migrating waterfowl and/or shorebird species. Mechanical Forage Harvest activities may be conducted between July 15th and September 1st. The open harvested area within the basin may not exceed more than 75% of the total wetland area. The minimum 25% area left unharvested must rotate throughout the wetland in subsequent years. Open water must vary in depth from 6 to 18 inches.

Documentation Required: Attach a plan map indicating which fields will contain shallow open water habitat, and outline areas so that acres can be determined.

Field Identifier	Acres of Habitat Created	Acres of Unharvested Habitat

I certify that I am managing shallow open water habitat for migrating waterfowl species.

Name: _____

Date: _____